(ङ) फैजाबाद जिला : फैजाबाद, अयोध्या ।

(च) गाजीपुर जिला : गाजीपुर, नंदगंज ।

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उन स्थानों की सूची जिन्हें 1992-93 के दौरान एस.टी.डी. सुविधा से जोड़े जाने का प्रस्ताव है, बशर्ते कि उपस्कर समय से उपलब्ध हो ।

फैजाबाद जिला: बीकापुर अकबरपुर, टांडा । गाजीपुर जिला: सैदपुर, मोहम्मदाबाद, जमानिया ।

जौनपुर जिला : शाहगंज, मछलीशहर, केराकत, मड़ियाहूं, सयारिया ।

Plan for modernisation of postal services

794. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal with Government for a massive modernisation of the postal services in India;

(b) if so, what are the main features, thereof;

(c) how far the proposed plan will improve postal services in the rural areas; and

(d) whether Planning Commission has approved the outlay?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The basic thrust is on improvement of services at the postal counter and speeding up the delivery of letters, parcels, money orders, etc. This is proposed to be achieved by modernising the postal infrastructure. Introduction of mechanised sorting at important centres, use of microprocessor based counter machines and transmission of money-orders through satellite communication are the main features of the modernisation programme.

(c) The proposed modernisation programme aims at all round improvement of postal services throughout the country including rural areas.

(d) The planning Commission has approved an outlay of Rs. 34.28 crores for modernisation of postal Services during the 1992-93 Annual plan.

Electronic exchange and STD facility in Uttar Pradesh

795. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 281 given in Rajya Sabha on 29th August, 1990 and state:

(a) whether electronic exchange and S.T.D. facilities has been provided in Ferozabad, Jhansi and Farukhabad district of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, how many districts in Uttar Pradesh are still to be linked with such facilities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir. except Jhansi.

(b) Only Jhansi district is still to be linked with S.T.D. facility.

Alternate fuel for surface transport

796. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the projects to develop alternate fuels for surface transportation; and

(b) what is the amount sanctioned for Research and Development in this regard and what achievements have been made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) To develop alternative fuels for surface transportation, the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources (DNES) has